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In response to the Office Action dated January 11, 2005, Applicant provisionally elects the First Species (FIG. 8), as described in the first paragraph of the office action, with traverse. Claims 1-18 and 22-25 are readable on FIG. 8.

While the methods of the first and second species may be distinct for the reasons set forth by the Examiner, Applicant believes that simultaneous examination will not present an undue burden. Particularly, each of the independent claims (1, 19, and 22) would involve the same search classification with the only significant differences involving the number of interlayers being formed and the number of CMP steps being performed. Under such circumstances, the

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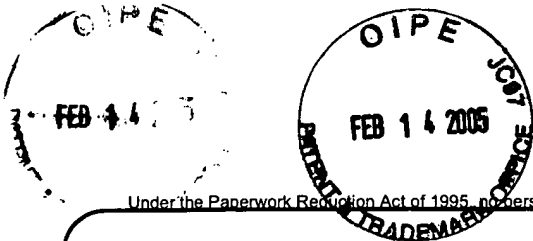
Early and favorable consideration of this application are earnestly solicited.

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